

Everett	Linder	Rogers (MI)
Fallin	LoBiondo	Rohrabacher
Ferguson	Lucas	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Lungren, Daniel	Roskam
Forbes	E.	Royce
Fortenberry	Mack	Ryan (WI)
Fossella	Mahoney (FL)	Sali
Fox	Manzullo	Sanchez, Loretta
Franks (AZ)	Marchant	Saxton
Frelinghuysen	Marshall	Schmidt
Gallely	McCarthy (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Garrett (NJ)	McCaul (TX)	Sessions
Gerlach	McCotter	Shadegg
Giffords	McCrery	Shays
Gilchrest	McHenry	Shimkus
Gillmor	McHugh	Shuler
Gingrey	McKeon	Shuster
Gohmert	McMorris	Simpson
Goode	Rodgers	Smith (NE)
Goodlatte	Mica	Smith (NJ)
Granger	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Graves	Miller (MI)	Souder
Hall (TX)	Miller, Gary	Space
Hastert	Mitchell	Stearns
Hastings (WA)	Moran (KS)	Stupak
Hayes	Murphy, Tim	Sullivan
Heller	Musgrave	Tanner
Hensarling	Myrick	Terry
Herger	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
Hobson	Nunes	Tiahrt
Hoekstra	Pearce	Tiberi
Hulshof	Pence	Turner
Hunter	Peterson (MN)	Udall (CO)
Inglis (SC)	Peterson (PA)	Udall (NM)
Issa	Petri	Upton
Jones (NC)	Pickering	Walberg
Jordan	Platts	Walden (OR)
Kagen	Poe	Walsh (NY)
King (IA)	Porter	Walz (MN)
King (NY)	Price (GA)	Wamp
Kingston	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (FL)
Kirk	Putnam	Weller
Kline (MN)	Radanovich	Westmoreland
Knollenberg	Ramstad	Whitfield
Kuhl (NY)	Regula	Wicker
Lamborn	Rehberg	Wilson (NM)
Latham	Renzi	Wilson (SC)
LaTourette	Reynolds	Wolf
Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)	Young (AK)
Lewis (KY)	Rogers (KY)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—8

Clarke	Feeney	Pomeroy
Costa	Johnson, Sam	Tancredo
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised they have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. DOOLITTLE changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. HOLT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. GOHMERT changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WEINER. On rollcall 765, H.R. 2347, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, during the period of consideration of that bill Congressman WEXLER and I were away from the floor, organizing efforts to stop the wrong-headed arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor, and believe we need to keep on sanctioning Iran.

I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I, too, would like to be recognized as just expressing my support for H.R. 2347.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2272, 21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Gordon, Lipinski, Baird, Wu, Lampson, Udall of Colorado, Ms. Giffords, Messrs. McNerney, Hall of Texas, Sensenbrenner, Ehlers, Mrs. Biggert, Messrs. Feeney, and Gingrey.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of Division C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. George Miller of California, Holt, and McKeon.

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3161, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 581 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3161.

□ 1524

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Mr. BECERRA in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Connecticut.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased to present to the House for fiscal year 2008 the appropriations bill For Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies. I want to say "thank you" to Chairman DAVID OBEY

for his dedication and leadership. It has been a very busy 7 months, and we have been fortunate to have Chairman OBEY at the helm. A special "thank you" to my colleague, Congressman KINGSTON. It has been a pleasure to partner with him on this subcommittee, and I believe that we have accomplished a lot together. We are working to accomplish quite a lot today, with quite a wide-ranging portfolio.

This appropriation covers many subjects. Our top priority has always been to move with a clear purpose and direction towards several key goals: strengthening rural America, protecting public health, improving nutrition for more Americans, transforming our energy future, supporting conservation, investing in research, and, finally, enhancing oversight.

It begins with our fiscal year 2008 mark providing total discretionary resources of \$18.8 billion, \$1 billion, or 5.7 percent, above 2007, and \$987.4 million, or 5.5 percent, above the budget request. A full 95 percent of the increase above the budget request, or \$940 million, is used to restore funding that was either eliminated or cut in the President's budget.

Our first goal is strengthening rural America. Community development is a key link to rebuilding rural America, preserving infrastructure, building new opportunities, and confronting a tremendous gap when it comes to educational and medical resources. To help close that gap, the bill provides \$52.8 million. That would double the broadband grant program which the President's budget request had eliminated. It provides \$10 million more than the President requested for distance learning and telemedicine grants and includes \$728.8 million to support community facilities, water and waste disposal systems, and business grants; \$31.2 million for community facilities; \$56.8 million for business and industry; and \$70.3 million for waste and waste disposal programs.

Clean water. Rural communities face tens of billions of dollars in costs for safe drinking water and wastewater treatment systems. To begin addressing these needs, the bill provides \$500 million for rural water and waste disposal grants and \$1 billion for water and waste direct loans.

In housing, the community held a special hearing to discuss economic conditions in rural America with the USDA's Economic Research Service. A recent ERS report found that 302 of America's non-metro counties are "housing stressed." That is why we are making significant investments in rural housing, including \$212.2 million to fund \$5.1 billion in affordable loans to providing housing to low-income and moderate-income families in rural areas, providing approximately 38,000 single family home ownership opportunities.

The President's budget eliminated direct loans and shifted funding to guaranteed loans with a 1 percent increase